

Mr. Frederic Hudson's long promised book "Monuments in the United States" has come.

It is thus to set himself about the daily he has imposed upon himself, but he forges his diversified material into shapes as perfect and forms as fitting as the mechanic who fashions steel and iron into parts that make one harmonious whole of an engine which breathes and snorts with the intelligence of being. No mere blacksmith can make this movement, for it requires the soul of the poet as well as the touch and skill of the artist. The same qualities characterize Mr. Hudson's work, and while he feels the poetry of journalism he shows the practical skill of the journalist. The method of his book is as plain as his treatment of his subjects is precise. Beginning with the first newspaper ever printed in this country—*Publick Occurrences*, now issued at Boston in 1689—he traces the history of every newspaper of importance up to the present time, not only as so many journals but as marking the growth of journalism in this country. Six

THE FIRST DAILY NEWSPAPER.
The first daily newspaper published in the United States was the *American Daily Advertiser*, which was issued in Philadelphia in 1784 by Benjamin Franklin Bache, and was afterwards called the *Aurora*. It supported the measures of Washington's administration, and was more especially the organ of Abolition, and of the rights of the colored people. It was owned by John Poulson, who became its proprietor and publisher in 1792, and it was then known as *Poulson's Advertiser*. It is now the *North American and Daily Advertiser*. Mr. McMichael, the temporary chairman of the recent Philadelphia Convention, being its editor. The first daily paper printed in this city was the *New York Daily Advertiser*, which was begun in 1787. Freeman was at one time its editor, and one of its first "beats" was the account of the aquatic competition when Washington came over from Ellis betpson, in April, 1789, to assume the duties of the Presidency. Of course, it was not so elaborate as the reception of Prince Alexis, but it was a pretty piece of sensational reporting for all that. Mr. Hudson gives a very full account of these journals and of the writers who at different times were engaged upon them, and follows with accounts of several other notable journals and journalists. The *National Gazette* of Philadelphia was the leader in the early days of the republic.

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Since that paragraph was written the Erie Road has done a vast deal more than simply break ground for its roadway, as Jay Gould, J. P. Morgan & Co., Engineers, have been awarded the contract. Such paragraphs were frequent and prophetic.

Many of the advertisements even were written by me, and I liked them very much. I did not do so, as in the olden time, when the editor of a newspaper was printer and publisher, as we are now, but because I had no other means of making "I want a cookkalf for a merchant." If any of you will sell a free estate, within thirty miles of London, or will give away a house, within twenty miles, or thereabouts, I can help to a customer.

"A fair house in Eastcheap, next to the Flower-de-luce, where the wine is sold, and the ale is brewed, laid with freestone, and a vault underneath, with a cellar under the shop done with the same stone work, and a garden behind it, with a well of water, close, chutergreen and man-midwife, lives at the first brick house on the right hand in Gynnyng Lane, near the church, and is to be sold for less than these twenty years."

If I could search nowadays for the editor of the HERALD to undertake such a job, I would find him in the same position to write them, and endure them, too, in the same free and easy style.

I am engaged organizing his establishment. He did not escape sign of Wall street, the financial centre of the nation, on the 11th of May, in 1863, and number he, introduced an entirely new feature into the world's literature, and I have seen these articles, thus originated and for many

SALT WATER FOR THE CITY.

A meeting of the Committee of Public Works and the Board of Aldermen was held yesterday in the chamber of the Board for the purpose of listening to proposals for utilizing salt water for the extinguishing of fires. Various plans were considered including one from the office of Charles H. H. Wells, consulting engineer, who recommended the extension of the Fire Department's water supply to the Croton supply, which was deemed abundantly sufficient. The committee arrived at no decision, and will report to a meeting of the

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24, 1877.
Nowhere except in the old baronial halls

CAMP.—At Brooklyn, on Tuesday, December SARAH KELLOGG, daughter of Samuel K. and Sam Kellogg Camp, aged 7 years.
The relatives and friends of the family are

YERKES.—On Monday, December 23, of paralysis. **WILLIAM YERKES**, aged 8 years.
Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend the funeral, on Thursday, December 26, eight o'clock A. M., from the Methodist Episcopal church, Leonard street, corner Conseyden, Brooklyn, E. D. The remains will be removed to West Plains for interment on the 10:40 A. M. train, 10:40 A. M.

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